33. For reduction of transaction time for export/import clearances, Ministry of Civil Aviation has finalized the scheme of 'Known-Shippers' for doing away with the 24 hours cooling off period.

34. Two shifts have been introduced on week days and single shift on holidays at the Air Cargo Complexes Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Delhi and Goa.

35. Information Technology Act, 2000 dealing with Cyber Security, Cyber Crime and other information security related legal aspects is in place to encourage expansion of e-commerce through internet.

Statement-II

IT EXPORTS

During the years 2000-2001 to 2002-2003

	2000-01 (Rs. Cr.)	2001-02 (Rs. Cr.)	2002-03 (Rs. Cr.)
A. Electronic Hardware	4788	5800	5600
B. Computer Software	28350	36500	47500
TOTAL :	33138	42300	53100

Unsolicited E-Mails

223. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the numerous spam/ unsolicited E-mails that people are receiving from their various internet connections each day;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to penalise such companies/call centres that follow such practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Mail Serveres at the organization level take action to block the addresses of Spam originators. Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) Department of Information Technology guide the System Administrators of Mail Servers to take necessary action to control Spam.

IT Exports

224. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any specific efforts have been made, after the Prime Minister's visit to ASEAN countries to market IT technologies to these countries in view of the growing requirement of IT products there;

(b) if so, whether any positive response has been received so far; and

(c) whether any market survey has been conducted to explore IT exports to South East and West Asian countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR) : (a) to (c) Based on the Joint Study report on "AFTA (ASEAN Free Trade Area)— India Linkages for the Enhancement of Trade and Investment" submitted by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) and the Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER) to the Government of India and ASEAN in May, 2002, the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between India and ASEAN was signed very recently during Prime Minister's visit to Bali, Indonesia on 8th October, 2003. An important component of the Framework Agreement includes the Early Harvest Programme (EHP) on which concessions will be exchanged between India and ASEAN countries. The EHP list includes several IT products and also includes Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) and e-commerce as a possible area of cooperation between ASEAN and India.

Mobilisation of small savings

225. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :